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Enclosed is my original and nine copies of my comments about the comments pertaining to RM-9242. Please distribute them to the appropriate people involved with the RM-9242 procedure. Thank you.

Ted Ham II

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Before The Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554
In Matter Of Proposal For Creation Of Low Power FM Broadcast Service
FCC RM-9242

To FCC:

My name is Ted Ham II, and I have already submitted my comments the first time around in FULL support of RM-9242 for the creation of a low power broadcast service. Now it is time for me to comment on the comments submitted by the big guys. First off, why do they have to act like there fighting a court battle already? There comments have lawyers involved, make references to previous cases, and basically are just too formal. This is a comment period for this RM-9242, and that is what I am going to do. I want to start off by saying that if you think that commercial radio now fully serves a community by offering weather, traffic, and programs that are enjoyable, then you must be listening to a whole new spectrum band than I am because on the normal 87-107 mhz, there is nothing but junk. I mean that when the weather or traffic gets done it is rushed through just so the dj can get back to his morning show for the ratings. Thats all they care about is ratings. You can't tell me otherwise. All the stations are in competition with each other. Thats all they care about, where the other station is and what are they doing. They just don't care about the people who listen to them. If they did, then they would play a lot less commercials. I don't know any listner who likes to sit through a slew of commercials. Give the airwaves to the people or a portion of the airwaves to the people. Imagine that, a non-profit, non commercial, community oriented radio station that plays something other than christian music. It can be done. It is being done right now with so called "pirates", and from what I have heard on pirate frequencys, it's quite good. I have read through some of the comments from people who oppose rm-9242 and I don't believe the crap I read. There are ways to make sure there is no interference. Do you think the now pirate operator wants to deliberately interfere with other frequencys or be interfered with? I don't think so. As far as the AM broadcasters problem, Am radio is so cluttered with talk shows now, that I think the commercial AM band should be opened up for a free for all like CB is. Who listens to AM these days? I know who, the amature dx'r. Who are those guys anyway to be complaining, last time I checked FM broadcasting be it pirate or legal never interfered with AM reception. Do you also think that if a station that was transmitting on say 100.1 mhz at 99kw would be interfered by a micro-caster who was set up on 100.3 at 50 watts? I don't think so. The only interference might be from the the commercial station on 100.1 bleeding onto the little guy on 100.3. NO BIG DEAL.... Let the microcaster deal with it. All the comments filed by the NAB and related people are a bunch of hogwash. The only other comment I want to address is power limits set forth by RM-9242. I somewhat disagree with Mr Skinners set up power/antenna requirements. I think for this microcasting thing to work on a fair, even keel, EVERY microcaster should be limited to antenna heights of 50 feet and power levels no greater than 75 watts. That would keep things in proportion. I do hope someone takes time to read this and try to look through the corporate greed factor. Pirates are out there now and nobodys losing money...are they????????? Nope....

Sincerely,


Ted Ham II

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I, Ted Ham II, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Reply comments on RM-9242", was sent via first class mail, this 16th day of May 1998.

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